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By: **Delegate Hurson**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the CareFirst Mission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the CareFirst Mission; establishing  
4 the purpose of the Task Force; providing for the membership, chairman,  
5 expenses and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit a  
6 certain plan by a certain date; making this Act an emergency measure; and  
7 generally relating to the Task Force on the CareFirst Mission.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
9 MARYLAND, That:

10 (a) There is a Task Force on the CareFirst Mission.

11 (b) The Task Force shall develop a plan to rearticulate the mission of  
12 CareFirst of Maryland, Inc. as a nonprofit health service plan that:

13 (1) provides individuals and businesses with the most affordable and  
14 accessible health insurance possible; and

15 (2) recognizes a responsibility to contribute to the improvement of the  
16 overall health status of Maryland residents.

17 (c) (1) The Task Force consists of 13 members, appointed by the Governor.

18 (2) Of the 13 members:

19 (i) 1 shall be a member of the Senate of Maryland;

20 (ii) 1 shall be a member of the House of Delegates;

21 (iii) 1 shall be the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's  
22 designee;

23 (iv) 1 shall be the Secretary of the Department of Health and  
24 Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

1 (v) 1 shall be the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the  
2 Commissioner's designee;

3 (vi) 1 shall be the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care  
4 Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

5 (vii) 1 shall be a representative of the Maryland Hospital  
6 Association;

7 (viii) 1 shall be a representative of the Medical and Chirurgical  
8 Society of Maryland;

9 (ix) 1 shall be a representative of the Maryland Health Care  
10 Foundation;

11 (x) 2 shall be representatives of the business community; and

12 (xi) 2 shall be consumer representatives.

13 (3) The Governor shall appoint a chairman from among the members of  
14 the Task Force.

15 (4) A member of the Task Force:

16 (i) may not receive compensation; but

17 (ii) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
18 State Travel Regulations.

19 (d) The Maryland Insurance Administration and the Maryland Health Care  
20 Commission shall provide staff necessary for the Task Force to carry out its purpose.

21 (e) The Task Force shall report its plan to the Governor and, subject to §  
22 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before December  
23 1, 2003.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
25 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
26 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
27 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
28 the date it is enacted.